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SUBJECT: MICHELSON CASE: NEW YORK TIMES INQUIRY

REF: STATE 056267, 20374; MOSCOW 3817, 1617, 1588

1. PER DEPT REQUEST REPORT PRESS INQUIRIES ON MICHELSON CASE (PARA 3 OF STATE 020374), EMBASSY WISHES ADVISE THAT NEW YORK TIMES MOSCOW CORRESPONDENT CHRISTOPHER WREN RAISED MATTER WITH CONSOFF MARCH 21. WREN INDICATED HE RECEIVED INQUIRY FROM HOME OFFICE, WHICH APPARENTLY HAD BEEN CONTACTED BY MR. MICHELSON.

2. CONSOFF GAVE WREN BRIEF OUTLINE OF CASE, MENTIONING THAT MICHELSON REMAINED ABROAD WHILE IN VIENNA WITH SOVIET TOURIST GROUP IN 1955, THAT HE NOW US CITIZEN, AND THAT WIFE AND DAUGHTER HAVE BEEN APPLYING UNSUCCESSFULLY SINCE 1956 FOR SOVIET EXIT PERMISSION TO JOIN HIM IN US. CONSOFF POINTED OUT THAT MICHELSON WIFE AND DAUGHTER INCLUDED ON USG REPRESENTATION LIST, AND HE INDICATED THAT EMBASSY ALSO HAS MADE NUMEROUS INDIVIDUAL INTERCESSIONS TO MFA IN THIS CASE. CONSOFF OFFERED GREATER DETAIL BUT WREN DECLINED, COMMENTING TO EFFECT THAT HE MERELY RESPONDING TO HOME OFFICE INQUIRY. CONSOFF GAVE WREN MICHELSON'S US ADDRESS IN CASE NYT WISHES CONTACT HIM. WREN EXPRESSED NO RPT NO INTEREST IN CONTACTING MICHELSON WIFE AND DAUGHTER IN MOSCOW.

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3. FYI: DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE IN CONTEXT OF WREN INQUIRY
ON REPRESENTATION LIST AND AMCIT REPATRIATION CASES. WREN DID
NOT INQUIRE CONCERNING MICHELSON'S REPORTED ACTIVITIES
IN WESTERN EUROPE PRIOR TO IMMIGRATION TO US, WHICH APPARENTLY
RESULTED IN SOME OTHER MOSCOW-BASED US CORRESPONDENTS BACKING
OFF FROM CASE (MOSCOW 1617). END FYI.
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